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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Project AQUATONE Personnel Ceiling

1. The figures attached compare the Table of Organization for Project AQUATONE as of 1 July 1957 with the revised Table of Organization approved a few days ago by the Deputy Director (Support). You will note that there has been a reduction of [redacted] during this period which is about [redacted]

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2. The major reduction has occurred through the closing out of Detachment A but there have been significant reductions in strength at Headquarters and at Detachments B and C. The increase in numbers at the Test Site reflects in the main an increased pace of development work there this winter. The load on our Supply Depot remains unchanged. The increase in other positions in the United States results entirely from the establishment of an Agency communications link to SAC Headquarters and of another such link to [redacted]

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3. With the revival of greater activity in the spring, it is anticipated that the number of contractor personnel (who do not count against the Agency ceiling) will be increased by [redacted] but no other increases in personnel should be necessary.

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4. The figures quoted are for T/O's at the dates shown. The Project was slightly under strength at 1 July 1957 and was under strength, but by a smaller margin, at 1 January 1958. Accordingly, the reduction in personnel on duty is probably [redacted] smaller than the reduction in the Table of Organization.

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Attachment:

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